in their shops of a great store of merchandise that had been there There was a mill above the town, and upon the top of another hill in the woods stood a little watch house where was taken twenty sows of silver, two bars of gold, some money in coin and other pillage The soil in this place is subject to much rain and very unhealthy, having great store of oranges, plam-tains, cassavy roots and other such fruits, but very dangerous to be eaten for breeding of diseases

On the 29th Sir Thomas Baskerville with 750 armed men, besides surgeons and provand-boys, went for Panama, but returned four days later, with his soldiers weary and hungry, having marched more than half way to the South Sea This march was so sore as never Englishman marched before, the way being cut out of the woods and rocks, both very narrow and full of mire and water , and the Spaniards played upon them divers times from the woods Having marched ten leagues, upon the top of a hJl they came on a fort which the Spaniards had set up and kept with 80 or 90 men who played upon our men as they came up before they were aware of it, and so killed more than twenty, amongst them, Captain Marchant, Quartermaster-General, Ensign Sampson, Maurice Williams, one of her Majesty^ guard, besides divers others hurt When Sir Thomas learnt that he must pass two such forts more, if he got that, and besides that Panama was very strong, the enemy knowing of their coming, also that the soldiers had no victuals left nor any means to get more, these considerations caused him to return and give over his attempt

In the meanwhile the General had burned Nombre de Dios, half on the 31st December and the rest on

1st January, with all the frigates, barks and galliots which were in the harbour and on the beach* On the 5th they again set sail, and on the 15th, the fleet being anchored at an island called Esendo, Captain Platt died of sickness, and then the General began to keep his cabin and to complain of a scouring or flux. The zjrd they set sail for Puerto Bello

On z8th January at 4 o'clock of the morning the General, Sir Francis Drake, departed this life, having been extremely sick of the flux which began the night before to stop on him He used some speeches at or a little before his death, rising and